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Torrance, California
January 20, 1959

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in a regular meeting at 5:30 P. M. Tuesday, January 20, 1959, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Torrance, California.

Those responding to roll call by City Clerk Bartlett were:
COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Blount, Bradford, Drale, Isen. ABSENT:
COUNCILMEN: Jahn. City Manager Stevens and City Attorney Remelmeyer were also present.

At the request of Mayor Isen, Planning Commissioner Lawrence Wing led the salute to our Flag.

The Reverend Monrad Berguson of the Hope Evangelical United Brethren Church opened the meeting with an invocation.

Councilman Benstead moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held January 13, 1959, as written.

Motion seconded by Councilman Bradford, no objections, so ordered.

Mayor Isen commented that he had a copy of a letter from George C. Powell concerning the accident which occurred on January 19 on Hawthorne Boulevard. He asked Mr. Powell to read the letter in full, and directed that it be spread in full in the Minutes.

Mr. Powell read the following, dated January 20, 1959, and addressed to the Mayor and Members of the City Council:

"Gentlemen:

"I believe credit should be given where credit is due. Yesterday afternoon there was a serious accident in an excavation on Hawthorne Blvd., wherein two men were buried under approximately ten feet of sand.

- "1. It was a City employee who turned in the alarm to the Police and Fire Departments;
- "2. Members of our Police Department removed their guns and hats and actually participated in the digging operations;
- "3. Members of our Fire Department, working as a team, were able to get resuscitators down to the men and to supply air for a period of about one hour;
- "4. A representative of Union Carbide volunteered any equipment that might be needed from their plant;
- "5. Edison Company had heavy equipment there ready for use, if needed;
- "6. Pacific Telephone Company volunteered equipment and men;
- "7. Fire Chiefs from at least two other cities were present to offer their assistance;
- "8. A multitude of men manned shovels during removal of the earth;
- "9. Our Street Department employees and equipment performed efficiently.

"On the 10:00 P. M. news last night it was gratifying to hear that the two men who had been trapped were very much alive, thanks to the coordinated efforts of all concerned."

Mr. Powell went on to tell the Council that the men had been only bruised.

Mayor Isen congratulated everyone concerned for the happy ending to what might have been a tragedy.

Mayor Isen told the audience the Council had been proud to adopt Resolution No. 3618, commending Officers Woodridge and Snyder for their heroic action in a recent automobile accident, and asked the City Attorney to read this in full to the audience.

The City Attorney read Resolution No. 3618 in full.

Councilman Jahn joined the meeting at 5:38 P. M.

Mayor Isen asked Officers Woodridge and Snyder to step forward from the audience, and extended the felicitations of the Council and the City to them, presenting each of them with certified copies of the Resolution, the Commendation Report from the Chief of Police, and with permanent plaques lauding their action.

The officers thanked the Council for this recognition.

FOR DISCUSSION:

Mayor Isen said the Planning Commission and Mr. Walter Mitchell of the Columbia Structural Steel Co. were present to discuss the area south of Monterey and west of Crenshaw with the Council. He congratulated the Commission upon being 100% present, and thanked them for this cooperation.

Mr. George C. Powell, Planning Director, told the Council that with regard to the unnamed industry which has been considered for the area in question, there had been much discussion of the buffer zone. There is a 50' buffer zone south of Monterey which has existed for many years. The industry in question would like to put their office buildings behind that. There had been discussion of a 100' buffer zone at the Planning Commission's hearings on this, and Mr. Doherty of the Chanslor Western Oil & Development Co. had said they would not object to a 100' buffer zone. What had not been clearly brought out was that the industry would have to buy the additional 50' of land for the buffer zone. They cannot do this if the plant is to be economically feasible. The land is already in the hands of the company, who must pave and develop it, and they feel they must be allowed to use the front of the land nearest Monterey for executive and customer parking. Mr. Powell told the Council that Mr. Mitchell was here to represent the company, and would be glad to answer any questions about them. He presented a plot plan to the Council showing the proposed development of the land.

Councilman Drale asked what was wanted here.

Mayor Isen asked if any members of the Planning Commission had any comment on this, but there was no reply.

Councilman Jahn asked if there is a buffer there now, or if it is to be established.

Mr. Powell said there is a 50' buffer zone which has been established for many years.

Councilman Jahn asked why this was here, and Mr. Powell said it was here so the Commission would know the Council's feeling on it.

Councilman Beasley asked if the prospective buyers had been contacted about this, and whether they have agreed to set this office building as far back as shown on the plot plan.

Mr. Powell said they have, and the plans were presented as prepared after receiving the Commission's recommendations.

Councilman Bradford moved that no further hearings be conducted on this, as this is zoned M-2 with a 50' buffer zone, and that it remain as such.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale.

Mayor Isen asked Mr. Mitchell if there would be objectionable noise, smoke, fumes, etc., from this plant.

Mr. Mitchell said there would not; he said they are a nationally known firm with agents and representatives in some foreign countries. Their present facility does not pose any of these problems to the community they are in, and this Torrance facility will be even more

modern. He said this is a steel rolling operation.

Mayor Isen asked Mr. Mitchell if he could assure us that the residents in the immediate vicinity would not be bothered by this, and Mr. Mitchell said he could.

Councilman Beasley asked if this would be the same type of facility, and Mr. Mitchell said it would.

Councilman Benstead asked for more information on this, and Mr. Mitchell said they have a rolling process, and manufacture cellular floor, doors, commercial ovens, etc., using 22 to 16-gauge steel in strip or coil stock, but there is no noise.

Councilman Drale pointed out that there is no noise from the Rome Cable Corporation plant.

Councilman Benstead said he would like to know more about this.

Mayor Isen asked whether they could restrict the vacant area at the front, adjacent to and in line with the office building, so that no manufacturing facility would be built there.

Mr. Mitchell said yes, and that the area in front of the building would be used only for executive and customer parking, and that the front of the property would be restricted to non-manufacturing uses.

Councilman Blount protested that the area is zoned M-2 and has been for many years.

Mr. Mitchell explained that it would not be practical to use the area for manufacturing uses.

Councilman Drale thought we should approve this and give the industry our whole-hearted approval and a warm welcome to the City, saying the set-backs in the area are sufficient to protect the people. He felt we could have both homes and industry in the City.

Councilman Benstead agreed that industry is needed, but he did not think it should be next to homes. He agreed that this particular location was suitable for industry.

Councilman Bradford, at the request of Councilman Drale, amended his motion to extend a warm welcome to this firm and invite them wholeheartedly to the City of Torrance and to specify that they must conform to the plans presented here.

Councilman Drale accepted the amendment in his second to the motion, which carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Mayor Isen asked Mr. Mitchell to convey to the principals this welcome to the City.

Mr. Mitchell thanked the Planning Commission and Council and all the people in the City for this action. He said the initial cost of these facilities would be about two and one-half million dollars, exclusive of the cost of the land. He said their annual payroll will be between 3 and 4 million dollars.

Councilman Drale asked Mr. Powell if the City has all the necessary easements, and Mr. Powell said all except for a very small strip on Crenshaw, which will be given.

Councilman Blount expressed his personal thanks to Mr. Mitchell, and said the Council should also thank him; he is not an owner or a stockholder in this company, but has helped tremendously in getting them to come here.

Mayor Isen extended the Council's thanks to Mr. Mitchell, and said that at the time of the groundbreaking there would probably be a citation for him.

Mayor Isen advised the Planning Commission that it is believed there will be great demand for R-3 land in the City, and he hoped they would work toward finding suitable land for that use and toward the planning of the central section of the City, which he believes will become the commercial center of the City, and that space should also be provided there for R-3 development in that area.

Councilman Beasley called the attention of the Planning Commission to the condition which prevails in the WALTERIA section of the City where Neece, Park and Ward Sts. are concerned. There are several zones there, and he felt it should be more uniform.

Mayor Isen pointed out that the value of the homes and other property in the City have been made more valuable by this action tonight.

At this time, Councilman Bradford asked the City Manager what would entail a well-balanced City; he said he had read articles asking that we have more homes here. He asked if the City Manager would outline this, with regard to rezoning areas, what we would require to have a well-balanced City budget, taxwise, to insure proper police and fire protection, etc.

BIDS:

FOR IMPROVEMENT OF SEPULVEDA BLVD., ARLINGTON AVENUE TO HAWTHORNE BOULEVARD.

With a letter dated January 15, 1959, J. R. Patrick, Assist. to the City Engineer, advised that bids for the improvement of Sepulveda Blvd. between Madrona and Hawthorne would be opened at 5:15 P. M. Tuesday, January 20, and that they would endeavor to have a recommendation for the award of contract at the Council meeting.

City Manager Stevens said the bids had been opened and tabulated, and that Norwalk Asphaltic Concrete, Inc., was the lowest responsible bidder at \$58,963.66, and it was recommended that their bid be accepted for this job and all other bids be rejected.

Councilman Drale so moved.

Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead.

Councilman Jahn asked if we have all the necessary easements.

The City Manager said that was his understanding.

Councilman Benstead asked when it is thought this improvement can be extended on to Western Ave., and the City Manager said we do not have the money to do it now.

Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Jahn moved that after the Clerk had given a number and read the title to any ordinance or resolution on tonight's agenda, the further reading thereof be waived; reserving and guaranteeing to each Councilman the right to demand the reading of any such ordinance or resolution in regular order.

Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3622

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR
AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THAT CERTAIN CONTRACT
BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND NORWALK
ASPHALTIC CONCRETE, INC.

Councilman Benstead moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 3622.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

HEARINGS:

1. Mayor Isen announced that this was the time and place for:
CASE NO. 549: THIRD AND FINAL HEARING before the City Council on petition of the Torrance Planning Commission for a Change of Zone from M-1 to establish a new zoning pattern in the Victor Tract, legally described as Lots 1 through 12 inclusive, 16, Lot 21 through 24 inclusive; 41 through 44 inclusive of Tract 2895; Lots 1 through 4 inclusive; 21 through 28 inclusive and Lots 45 through 48 inclusive of Tract 3218, situated at Valerie to Henrietta and Torrance Boulevard to Del Amo.

City Clerk Bartlett presented the Affidavit of Publication.

Councilman Jahn moved this be accepted and filed.

Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead, no objections, so ordered.

Attached to the Transmittal Form from the Planning Commission recommending approval of this Case were an excerpt from the Planning Commission Minutes of December 17, 1958, a location sketch, and letters of approval from James M. Meilejohn, 38547 10th St. East, Palmdale; Leonard J. Mallano and Patrice Mallano, 20534 Toluca Ave., Torrance; and Leora L. Boxer of 20506 Toluca Avenue.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone present wished to be heard.

Mr. J. W. Webb of 20648 Victor St., said he is a contractor and has his yard at that address. He bought the land when it was still in the County for that purpose. His property there is between a machine shop and a roofing plant, and beyond them is a turkey processing plant. He said they all wish the zone of their property to remain M-1.

Planning Director Powell presented a map of the area to the Council, showing the properties involved.

Councilman Drale thought all of Lot 25 should be M-1.

Councilman Benstead so moved, according to the Exhibit before the Council.

Mayor Isen seconded the motion, saying all the owners of property in there were present and indicate they wish to have the property remain M-1.

Planning Commission President Bert M. Lynn came forward, and said the Commission had felt that Lot 25 could remain in its present use as non-conforming uses, but be zoned according to this plan. This would prevent further industries developing in what is destined to be a residential area. The A-1 zone shown on the exhibit was left A-1 as a control measure. There is a 40-acre high school site there, and a 10-acre elementary school site. It is not good planning to have M-1 property abutting schools.

Mr. Webb did not feel it would help them to handle it that way.

Councilman Beasley asked if Mr. Webb had his permits, and Mr. Webb said he has licenses, but if further permits are needed he will take them out.

Councilman Beasley asked if he contemplated expansion of his present facilities, and Mr. Webb said he did. He said he could not expand now, but he did plan to add more facilities there when he could.

Mr. Deeble, owner of land in Lot 25, said he preferred that the zoning not be changed, explaining that the property had been bought for homes, but that he would like to sell it to industry now.

Motion to leave Lot 25 zoned M-1 according to the Exhibit here carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Mr. Anker asked what the zone of Lot 2, Tract 2895, will be, and Planning Director Powell showed him the map and explained it to him.

No one else wished to be heard.

Councilman Jahn moved this hearing be closed.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission for approval of this plan with the exception of that land covered by the previous motion.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Drale, Jahn, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Bradford. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

At this time, Mayor Isen introduced to the audience a Councilman from a neighboring City, Mr. Harvey Chapman of Gardena.

2. Mayor Isen announced that this was the time and place for: CASE NO. 544: THIRD AND FINAL HEARING before the City Council on petition of Daniel and Emma Smith for a Change of Zone from A-1 to R-1 on a portion of the north half of the west half of Lot 69, McDonald Tract, adjoining and easterly of Arlington Avenue at approximately 186th St., requested for the purpose of developing this property into single-family residential lots.

City Clerk Bartlett presented the Affidavit of Publication.

Councilman Jahn moved this be accepted and filed.

Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead, no objections, so ordered.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone present wished to be heard, but there was no reply.

Attached to the Transmittal form from Planning Commission recommending approval of this petition were an excerpt from their Minutes of December 17, 1958, and a location sketch.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission for approval of this petition.

Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Bradford, Drale, Jahn, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Blount. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

At 6:20 P. M. Mayor Isen declared a recess, with the Council reconvening at 6:30 P. M.

Mayor Isen thanked the Planning Commission with reference to the Victor Precinct zoning, saying that by their diligent attention they had undoubtedly saved the City Council many hours of work and time.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

1. With a letter dated January 12, 1959, Newell John Gardner of 6505 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles 48, an attorney, submitted claims of John Turner and Jerry Servillo, for alleged mistreatment and loss of property when they were arrested by the Redondo Beach Police on December 12, 1958, and incarcerated in the Torrance jail until December 17, 1958, without being taken before a magistrate.

Councilman Drale moved the claims be denied and referred to the City Attorney.

Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead.

Mayor Isen asked the City Attorney whether our arrangement with the City of Redondo Beach does not insure that we are held free and harmless from their actions, and the City Attorney said it does.

The Mayor asked whether, in case our insurance carrier has to act for us in such an instance, the City of Redondo Beach will have to defend, and the City Attorney said they will.

The Mayor said he would like to know whether our insurance carrier would charge such an incident against us, and the City Attorney said they would not.

The City Attorney said he had discussed this with our insurance carrier today, and they had understood these things to be correct.

Mayor Isen referred to the allegation that certain personal property had not been returned to one of the complainants, and asked who had checked this in.

Captain Maestri of the Police Dept. came forward, and said when prisoners from the City of Redondo are booked, a Captain of the Watch comes over from Redondo and handles all of this. He said none of our Policemen would have handled anything at all in such cases.

There were no objections and the motion was ordered carried.

2. In a letter dated January 13, 1959, Virginia Bryant, Manager of the Special Features Dept. of the American National Red Cross, Los Angeles Chapter, asked that a 5' x 8' Red Cross flag fly at the City Hall during their fund drive here during the month of March.

Councilman Drale moved this request be granted.
Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn, no objections, so ordered.

3. A January 12, 1959, letter from A. Van Kralingen, 2304 Gramercy Ave., protested the license fee he must pay the City, and asked for relief from this.

In a memo dated January 15, 1959, the License Inspector explained the reason for the fee, which in this case is \$17 per year.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the recommendation of the License Inspector, who felt this license ordinance applied.

Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley.

Mayor Isen asked if the petitioner was present, but there was no reply.

In reply to a question, the License Inspector said there is no lower classification under the license ordinance so far as fee is concerned except the fee applying to a shoeblack.

Motion ordered carried, as there were no objections.

4. A January 9, 1959, letter from Guy Halferty, 5050 Clark Ave., Lakewood, submitted sample copies of a newsletter he prepares for other cities in the area, and asked that the City consider retaining him to prepare such a newsletter for our City. His fee for this service would be \$350 per edition, with printing let locally by bid.

Councilman Drale moved this be filed.

Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead.

Councilman Beasley said he would like to have this referred to the City Manager, and Councilman Drale amended his motion to have this referred to the City Manager and filed.

Amendment accepted in the second to the motion.

In a brief discussion, it was brought out that the City of Anaheim with 80,000 population, uses this, but they have an operating budget of over \$9,000,000, whereas we have a budget of only about \$6,000,000 for a city of about 100,000.

There were no objections, and the motion was ordered carried.

5. A January 12, 1959, letter from Larry L. Crunk, painter for the City, asked that he be reclassified to City Painter from Utility Maintenance.

Councilman Benstead thought this should go to the City Manager, and Mayor Isen asked why it was here.

The City Manager explained that it was addressed to the Council, as well as to him and to the Civil Service Board.

Councilman Jahn moved this be referred to the proper persons by the City Manager

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale, no objections, so ordered.

Mayor Isen explained to Mr. Crunk, who was present, that this is a matter over which the City Council has no control.

Councilman Beasley explained that when they had acted on this before, it was during a general classification.

6. A January 15, 1959, letter from the City Manager submitted a recommendation from the Transportation Committee that a bus shelter be constructed in the triangular park on the north side of Torrance Blvd. at Engracia and Sartori Ave., in accordance with the recommendations. Copies of Remco's consent to such use of the park was submitted with the letter, as was an approval of this by the Bus Superintendent. If restroom facilities are to be included as suggested, the City Manager's letter went on, the cost will probably exceed \$2,000. It might be well to consider this not only as a bus station, but as a public restroom. Since the Bus Department operates at a substantial loss and must be subsidized from the General Fund, the above improvements would have to be financed from the Unappropriated Reserve. The City Manager's letter went on to say that, as indicated in Mr. Chamberlain's letter, the building would be amortized by a saving

in commissions, which would be paid by a continuation of the present arrangement.

In a letter dated January 9, 1959, M. A. Chamberlain, Bus Supt., transmitted the recommendations of the Transportation Committee, and that they recommend the shelter to be 20' x 20' with an 8' ceiling height. They also recommended that two toilets be installed for public use. It was the opinion that the shelter could be built for \$1500 but not to exceed \$2,000. At the rate of \$450 per month commission, the shelter would be amortized within five months.

A January 10, 1959, letter from Remco Real Estate Management Co., P. O. Box 86, Torrance, signed by Donald Findley, President, said their company could see no reason to object to such use of this small parcel, and consented to it.

Councilman Beasley said he would like to have this go back to the Committee, and as there were no objections, it was so ordered.

Councilman Benstead asked who comprised the Committee, and Councilman Beasley told him.

The City Manager felt we should look into the possible sewerage of the area.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER:

1. In a letter dated January 15, 1959, the City Manager submitted the following recommendations for the Council's consideration and approval:

APPROPRIATIONS:

- a. That Coates, Herfurth and England, Consulting Actuaries, be appointed to make the quadriannual survey for the Torrance Municipal Water District No. 3, the cost being estimated at \$92.60.
- b. For the purchase of a Victor Printing Calculator, Model No. 75-85-54, the sum of \$554.35 plus sales tax, for the Finance Department (budget item).
- c. Some time ago the matter of the agreement "To Provide for Inter-Agency Cooperation in Civil Defense and Disaster" was brought before the Council. The matter was referred to the new Civil Defense Commission. At the first meeting of the Civil Defense Commission, held Wednesday, January 14, 1959, the Commission voted unanimously to recommend that the City join in said agreement. The cost to the City of Torrance for the period January 1, 1959, through June 30, 1959, will be \$1,027.00. The cost was covered in the current budget and is a budget item.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with Items a, b, and c under Appropriations.

Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley, and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT:

1. With a letter dated January 14, 1959, the Shopper's Markets, Inc., 2031 E. Foothill Blvd., Pasadena, submitted engineering drawings of signs which they asked permission to erect on their property at Coast Highway and Crenshaw.

A memo from Supt. of Bldg. Schlens was appended, and reported that both the signs are in excess of the formula size for them.

Mr. Schlens presented the drawings to the Council for their perusal.

Mr. Schlens told the Council that there is some question as to whether the State will vacate some of the access road, and he would like to be sure the sign is set back enough so it will not be over State property in case the State does not vacate the land.

Councilman Jahn moved the request for the sign be granted according to the plans presented here, and the approval of the sign locations by Bldg. Supt. Schlens.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale, all in favor, so ordered.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS:

1. With a letter dated January 16, 1959, J. V. Russell, Director of Public Works, submitted to the Council a report in regard to the protest of E. F. Schoonover about the condition of the drainage ditch south of Madison Street. This report had been written in compliance with a request of the Council at their meeting of January 13, 1959, with copies going to Acting City Engineer Bishop, City Manager Stevens, Street Supt. Ralph Perkins, Pub. Wks. Suprvr. Jack Stephens, and Mr. Schoonover.

Mr. Douglas Horlander, who had written the report, had summarized his findings by saying it is felt by him that the water-handling capacity of the subject drainage ditch is seriously affected by the lack of maintenance by the property owners southerly of the Madison St. culvert, and by the abuse through filling and diversion by the property owners immediately northeast of the Madison St. culvert.

Mr. Horlander recommended that an investigation be started immediately in connection with the subdivision of land easterly of Madison St. between Senefeld Dr. and the Madison St. culvert (see attached plat) to determine the amount of fill on these lots in relation to the requirements as set forth in our City Code regarding grading.

Councilman Beasley moved the report be filed.

Mr. Schoonover was present, and stated there had been no personal intent in his letter of protest. He said further that none of this rubbish had been put into the ditch from his property. He said something would have to be done about the drain south of the culvert. It is on private property.

Councilman Benstead asked if it might be possible to get County help on this.

Mr. Russell said he had talked to a County man about this today, but had not been able to achieve any results.

Mr. Russell told the Council that Messrs. Stephens, Horlander, and Perkins had investigated this and that he thought their recommendation was dependable. He felt that something has to be done about the drain south of the culvert. It is on private property. Rubbish has been dumped there. He felt that eventually we will have to put a debris basin in there, and said he could see no other way of stopping that stuff from coming down and stopping the drainage.

Councilman Beasley asked if this is a part of the bond issue, and Mr. Russell said it is.

Councilman Beasley said only heavy rains fill this, and he felt too much had been made of the matter. There has been a problem there for years. He thought this should be recognized, and the matter filed for the nonce.

Councilman Bradford agreed, saying he felt the burden for keeping this clear where it is on private property should be on the property owners.

Mr. Russell said the drain on the north under the street has been diverted. It used to go northeast on an angle, and now it has been changed and will cause trouble.

Councilman Bradford did not think the City should bear the burden if the people there changed the natural drainage.

Councilman Beasley recalled that a couple of years ago he and Councilman Jahn and the City Engineer and Mr. Schoonover had gone out there and looked at this, and at that time the ditch was changing its channel. This has been under constant consideration by the City

Engineer's office. It will be taken care of on the storm bond issue.

Councilman Jahn pointed out that to dump debris in the ditch would enlarge the problem. If that is going on we will have to send crews out to clean it up, and the people should be reprimanded.

Councilman Benstead said at one time we had found people dumping trash at the southerly end of the ditch who did not even live in the City.

Mr. Schoonover said none of this is from his property.

Mayor Isen suggested that the Police patrol cars there should watch this and if any dumping is observed by the police we should enforce the 'Litter' ordinance.

Councilman Bradford asked Mr. Schoonover if the dumping causes flooding of his property, and Mr. Schoonover said he did not know; Mr. Schoonover said there are wooden boxes, poles, bottles, cans, etc., dumped in the ditch.

Councilman Bradford asked if this caused him anguish, and Mr. Schoonover said yes.

Councilman Bradford saw no reason for the City to clean this up, saying if Mr. Schoonover knew who did this he should talk to them.

The Mayor said the communication was ordered filed, and he suggested it go back to the Staff and the Dept. of Public Works for their consideration.

2. With a letter dated January 15, 1959, J. V. Russell, the Director of Public Works, reported that bids had been opened at 1:15 P. M. January 15, 1959, for STEEL CHAIN-LINK FENCING AT PARKING LOT ADJOINING TORRANCE PARK, and he recommended that the low bidder, the Harris Fence Co., be awarded the contract, in the amount of \$860.

A memo from the City Manager reported that funds for this would have to come from the Unappropriated Reserve.

Councilman Jahn asked why this should be fenced, saying he felt this would limit the usefulness of the parking lot.

Councilman Beasley moved all bids be rejected.

Councilman Jahn asked who had originated this, but the City Manager said he did not know.

Councilman Jahn seconded the motion, which carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Blount said someone had gone to a lot of work on this and called for bids; he asked how it had begun.

Mr. Russell said Mr. Clemmer had brought this up at Staff; he described the property, and said that children dig holes in the bank there and it is dangerous, as well as destructive so far as planting is concerned.

Mr. Russell asked to have the decision on this deferred for a week, for further investigation and report.

Councilman Drale so moved, motion seconded by Councilman Benstead, no objections, so ordered.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT:

1. With a letter dated January 14, 1959, the Acting City Engineer recommended release of: BOND NO. 01-B-54018, in the amount of \$12,000 on Tract No. 22795 to subdivider Wayne Nelson.

A December 18, 1958, letter from C. W. Clemmer, Park Supt., reported inspection of the street trees in the tract has been made and it has been found all tree planting complies with the City's requirements.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation of the Acting City Engineer, R. W. Bishop.

Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

2. With a letter dated January 14, 1959, Acting City Engineer Bishop recommended release of: BOND NO. 193127, in the amount of \$9,000 on Tract No. 23871 to subdivider Thomas R. Dale.

With a letter dated November 12, 1958, C. W. Clemmer, Park Supt., advised that inspection of the tract had been made and it had been found that all the necessary corrections had been made to bring this tree planting into compliance.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur with Mr. Bishop's recommendation.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale, and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

3. With a letter dated January 15, 1959, Acting City Engineer Bishop submitted to the Council for acceptance a grant deed dated January 14, 1959, being given by Edward W. Blackwood and Louise Blackwood. This is a portion of Lot 25 in the La Fresa Tract for the 2' widening of 171st St., and was shown in a location sketch submitted with the letter.

This bore the approval of the City Attorney and the City Manager. Councilman Drale moved to accept this easement.

Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT:

1. CASE NO. 555 - VARIANCE - Benny R. Mendez:

Transmittal form from the Planning Commission recommended denial of request of Benny R. Mendez for a Variance to construct four 1-bedroom apartments and 4 garages on Lot 28, R. O. Hickman Tract, situated at 4043 W. 182nd St., between Prairie Avenue and Hawthorne Blvd., in Land Use Zones R-2 and A-1. This form was accompanied by a location sketch of the property and an excerpt from the Planning Commission Minutes of January 7, 1959.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the Planning Commission's recommendation for denial.

Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley.

Mr. Mendez, 425 E. 138th St., Hawthorne, came forward and said he could not understand this being denied.

At the request of Mayor Isen, Planning Director Powell came forward and said the Commission's Committee on this had studied this. They had recommended that before any improvements be made on the property that the building in the front be removed. They did not think multiple dwellings should be put on this lot, which is surrounded by R-1 and R-2.

Mr. Mendez said the house on the front of the lot had burnt down a couple of years ago and was rebuilt at that time by a contractor. He said he would destroy the building in the front of the lot, or remove it, as soon as he could. He said there are apartments within 500' of this property.

Councilman Bradford moved for the question.

Councilman Drale asked how much time Mr. Mendez would need before removing this old house, but Mr. Mendez did not know.

Mayor Isen said he would be willing to have this denial without prejudice, so Mr. Mendez could re-apply when he is ready.

Councilman Drale felt that if the house there now meets the Code, we could not in good conscience ask them to remove it.

Councilman Jahn pointed out this is in an R-2 and A-1 area, and said he believed that when a Variance is requested the Council had a right to make such a request.

Motion carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Blount, Bradford, Jahn, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Drale. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

President Lynn of the Planning Commission explained to the Council that there is a neighborhood of nice new R-1 homes across the street from this, and the Commission did not believe R-3 should go in there.

Upon being asked a question by Mr. Mendez about the apartments nearby, Mayor Isen directed him to discuss this with the Planning Director.

2. CASE NO. 499: Planning Director Powell submitted a letter of transmittal recommending a Change of Zone pertaining to Tentative Tract Map No. 24756. Attached were: Transmittal form recommending approval of Change of Zone from R-2 and R-1 to R-3; R-2 and R-1 on property located at 16940 Crenshaw, petitioner, Catherine Mesplau; Location sketches.

In reply to a question, the Planning Director told the Council that the Third and Final Hearing on this was held January 8, but the Hearing was not closed.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone present wished to be heard, but there was no reply.

Councilman Jahn asked if the conditions set had been accomplished.

Mr. Powell replied that all dedications have been accepted by the City and have been made a part of the Tract Map, which has yet to be considered.

Councilman Jahn moved the hearing be closed.

Motion seconded by Councilman Bradford and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission, as all the conditions have been met.

Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley, and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

3. TENTATIVE TRACT MAP NO. 24756: A letter from G. C. Powell, Planning Director, re Tentative Tract Map No. 24756, was dated January 8, 1959, and submitted Exhibits A and B. Attached were:
 - a. Excerpt from Dec. 3, 1958, Planning Commission Minutes;
 - b. Transmittal form from Engineering Dept. submitted for approval Tentative Tract Map No. 24756, consisting of 19 lots presented by Wayne L. Nelson Builders, Inc., on property located at the NE corner of Crenshaw Blvd. and 170th Street.
 - c. Copy of letter dated Jan. 7, 1959, from Los Angeles County Flood Control District, approving;
 - d. Copy of letter dated January 7, 1959, from So. California Edison Co., agreeing to pole the tract at rear property lines.
 - e. Copy of Nov. 28, 1958, letter from J. R. Patrick, Asst. to the City Engineer, to the Planning Commission on this Tract.
 - f. Location sketch.

Councilman Jahn thought the lots on 170th St. were to have been 59' wide, and the sketch showed them as being 51+ feet wide.

Mr. Jack Spahn of Barclay Engineering was present to represent the subdivider, and told the Council this is surrounded by lots the same size as the lots on 170th Street, 13 to 19 inclusive. He said the size of the lots was determined because of the price of the land. If they cannot get this many lots out of it, the cost would be prohibitive. On the cul de sac, they plan to build homes in the \$20,000 to \$25,000 class, and homes costing from \$18,000 to \$19,000 on the other lots. He presented a plan showing the house planned for Lot 4 at the end of the cul de sac.

Mr. Spahn went on to say that if the street goes through there,

they could not get enough lots to make this tract feasible.

Councilman Jahn moved that Tentative Tract 24756 be approved as shown, with all conditions.

Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley.

Mayor Isen asked the size of the lots on 168th St., and Mr. Spahn said they were 50' x 127' on one lot, and the other is 50' wide with one side 130' long and the other side 165' long.

Motion to approve this tract carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Jahn, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Blount, Bradford. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

COUNCILMAN Drale asked to vote after recess, and this request was granted.

At 7:20 P. M., Mayor Isen declared a recess, with the Council reconvening at 7:30 P. M.

Councilman Drale voted AYE on approval of Tract 24756.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AIRPORT COMMISSION:

1. With a letter dated January 8, 1959, Thos. B. Abrams, President of the Airport Commission, submitted their recommendation to grant a proposal of Bowyer & Hudson, exterminators, to use a certain portion of the airport property for the purpose of testing a weed abatement spray material. Copies of the Airport Manager's recommendation to the Commission were submitted to the Council with Mr. Abrams' letter.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with this recommendation.

Motion seconded by Mayor Isen.

Councilman Drale asked that the motion be accepted to insure that the City be held free and harmless in this.

Councilman Jahn so amended his motion, and Mayor Isen accepted the amendment in his second.

Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

2. With a letter dated January 14, 1959, the Airport Commission submitted to the Council their recommendation on the "Torrance Airport Commission Procedure Report," and a copy of the report showing the deletions and additions suggested was also submitted.

Mayor Isen said he had read this over, and he liked it very much.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the report as corrected.

Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley, and as there were no objections it was so ordered.

3. With a letter dated January 14, 1959, Airport Commission President Thos. B. Abrams submitted to the Council the Commission's recommendation that a 150' x 150' plot at the corner of Crenshaw and Highway 101 be reserved for a service station, and that the Council inform all major oil companies of this and receive comprehensive bids subject to negotiation and that a gallonage clause be included as well as lease terms, and other stipulations as deemed necessary.

Councilman Jahn asked to have this held over for several weeks.

Councilmen Blount and Beasley both concurred with this request.

Councilman Blount moved that this item come back to the Agenda 4 weeks hence.

Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn, no objections, so ordered.

4. With a letter dated January 14, 1959, Thos. B. Abrams, President of the Airport Commission, submitted their recommendation that 'good faith' deposits be refunded, and that in the future none be accepted unless accompanied by bona fide option to lease.

Mayor Isen moved to concur with this recommendation.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

5. A January 14, 1959, letter from Thos. B. Abrams, President of the Airport Commission submitted to the Council the new appraisal of Airport Highway Frontage, with the comment that the Commission would like to use it for the basis for rental negotiations, and a question as to whether the Council approved it for that use.

Councilman Jahn asked for a copy of the appraisal, saying he had not seen it.

Councilman Blount also asked to see a copy of this.

The City Manager said he would get copies to them.

Councilman Beasley thought the Council should have a joint meeting with the Commission to discuss this.

Mayor Isen agreed, and after a brief discussion directed Commissioner Herrick to take this idea to the Commission when the regular meeting of the Airport Commission is held on January 22.

This was discussed further, and it was agreed that an effort would be made to have this meeting on Wednesday, January 28.

The matter was held for that meeting.

6. A January 14, 1959, letter from the Airport Commission, signed by Thomas B. Abrams, President, transmitted the Commission's request that the Council authorize an appraisal of the industrial property on the north side of the airport and the 200' section now under lease but covered by a building restriction.

The City Manager told the Council that the rest of the Airport property is now being appraised, in line with the Council's request made last year.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE TRAFFIC COMMISSION:

1. A December 23, 1958, letter from Percy Bennett, Chief of Police, transmitted to the Council the Traffic Commission's recommendations that 'Stop' signs be posted, and requested that if the Council approved these, they authorize preparation of the necessary ordinances.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur on all recommendations.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale.

Councilman Benstead said he would agree on these if the speed limit signs would be posted on Carson.

Councilman Jahn amended his motion to add that 'speed limit signs be posted on Carson'.

The amendment was accepted in the second to the motion, and the motion as amended carried by the following roll call vote: AYES:

COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Bradford, Drale, Jahn, Isen. NOES:

COUNCILMEN: Blount. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE WATER DEPARTMENT:

1. A January 8, 1959, letter from A. E. McVicar, Supt. of the Water Dept., was resubmitted to the Council as they had requested it be, and Mr. McVicar was present to answer questions.

Mr. McVicar's letter reported that the Fire Dept. has asked that a hydrant be installed at the corner of 235th St. and Pennsylvania Ave. as a condition in the issuance of building permits for five new homes being built in that area. He recommended that this hydrant be installed at the expense of the Water District and its cost, of about \$450, be eventually included in the financing of the entire area.

For information of the Council, Mr. McVicar discussed possible further building in the same area and the attendant water service costs, but on this he made no recommendation.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with Mr. McVicar's recommendation that the hydrant be installed.

Motion seconded by Mayor Isen, and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Drale thought the rest of the letter should be referred to the Water Commission and cleared through them.

Councilman Jahn told Mr. McVicar that the cost of \$259 per lot for water service did not seem too high to him, with reference to Mr. McVicar's report in the last paragraph of the letter.

Mr. McVicar explained to the Council that an 8" main is needed for the whole area, and to have the builder pay for that did not seem equitable, and he thought that if the District paid the difference between the cost of a 6" main and an 8" main it would be more fair.

Councilman Benstead suggested that the owners of the lots where there are oil wells should share in the cost of these mains.

Mr. McVicar explained that they cannot be charged unless they ask for water.

Councilman Drale asked whether people tying into this line later would not repay their proportionate shares of the cost, and Mr. McVicar said they would.

Mr. McVicar, in reply to a question from Councilman Bradford, said he would recommend an 8" line.

Councilman Beasley moved to refer this to the Water Commission for study and recommendation.

Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead, no objections, so ordered.

Mayor Isen told Mr. McVicar that next Tuesday there is to be a Hearing by the Council on the water service problems in that area.

Mr. McVicar said he would be here.

Councilman Bradford asked when the Water Commission meets, and Mr. McVicar said he was not certain of the date of their next meeting.

In reply to a question from Councilman Bradford, Mr. McVicar said it was true we could go ahead with a standard main agreement with the builder discussed previously, but that he felt it better to protect him on a set refund based on a 6" pipe rather than an 8" pipe.

REPORTS:

1. The office of the City Clerk reported receipt of a Complaint and Summons on January 13, 1959, in the action of Gene Englund, an incompetent, by Mary May Rasner, against the Torrance Municipal Bus Lines, et al., Case No. 593910, Attorney Belle Silverman, accident occurring approximately March 15, 1957.

2. The office of the City Clerk reported receipt of a Complaint and Summons on January 15, 1959, in action of Raymond Edward Fariseo, a minor, by Raymond Fariseo, Guardian ad litem, against the City of Torrance, the Torrance Unified School District, et al, Case No. 713916, submitting by Attorney for Plaintiffs, Edward Feldman, accident occurred June 3, 1958, on premises of South High School, wherein plaintiff fell from bleachers.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY ATTORNEY:

1. A January 8, 1959, letter from the City Attorney was re-submitted to the Council concerning the park fee bond, Wilson subdivision, Tract No. 22228. The letter reported that:

"At the meeting of your Honorable Body held on December 16, 1958, you agreed to accept a bond from Don Wilson to secure the payment of the park fee on Tract No. 22228 in either cash, or land and cash.

"Attached is copy of Bond which has been posted by Mr. Wilson to secure the payment of the park fee of \$38,595.00.

"Condition I of the Bond states that the City Council at any time on or before January 31, 1959, may elect to take the park fee either in (1) cash, or (2), in land and cash.

"Mr. Wilson and the Surety must be notified of the City's election on or before January 31, 1959".

The Bond referred to in the letter was submitted to the Council.

The City Attorney pointed out that the City's options are outlined in Paragraphs 1 and 2.

Councilman Jahn checked with Mr. Wilson, saying he understood that Mr. Wilson suggested delivery of two sumps to the City with a cash difference in lieu of the regular park fee.

Mr. Wilson said that was right; he is to deliver to the City, if that option is taken, the sump in the tract he is building now, Tract No. 22228, and that he will also deliver to the City either the Ocean Avenue Sump or the Bishop Montgomery sump, and \$7500.

If Mr. Wilson cannot make delivery of the land, he agreed to pay the Park Fee of \$38,000.

He agreed that this was at the option of the Council.

Councilman Jahn had thought that Mr. Wilson had agreed to furnish both the Ocean Avenue and Bishop Montgomery sumps to the City, as well as the Henrietta St. sump. He asked if Mr. Wilson had made any progress toward obtaining at least one of those two sumps.

Mr. Wilson said he had been waiting to see which of the options the City chose before trying to get title to one of those sumps.

Councilman Benstead asked if it made a difference to Mr. Wilson which option the City chose, and Mr. Wilson said it did not.

Councilman Benstead moved to accept the park fee of \$38,595.00.

Motion seconded by Mayor Isen, who said he was seconding the motion because he thought that would make a good payment on land which could be developed right away.

Councilman Bradford did not agree; he pointed out the high price of land and of park development.

In response to a question, Bldg. Supt. Schlens said that after sumps are filled to specifications, they can be used for building sites.

Councilman Jahn agreed, and pointed out that sumps can also be used for dumps.

Councilman Benstead said the sumps in question may be there for many years. He felt it better to have the money.

Councilman Jahn asked Acting City Engineer Bishop if any of these sumps would be taken care of by the Storm Drain Bond Issue.

City Engineer Bishop said the Ocean Avenue Sump could be relieved eventually by the rerouting of the water from the area.

Councilman Bradford asked about the Bishop Montgomery Sump, and Mr. Bishop said there would be no relief there until we have a tunnel through to the ocean. He added that the two cities of Torrance and Redondo Beach have tried to get something done toward that but were not successful.

Mayor Isen thought with that much money, referring to the motion, we could begin developing a nice park in that area.

Councilman Drale asked how many acres were involved.

Mr. Wilson said there are about 11 acres in the Bishop Montgomery Sump, 7+ acres in the Henrietta St. Sump, and almost 11 acres in Ocean.

Councilman Benstead asked if Mr. Wilson would not like to get the land involved off his tax bills, and Mr. Wilson explained that this is deductible to him.

Motion failed by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Drale, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Blount, Bradford, Jahn. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Drale explained his vote by saying he felt the land did not at present have the value to us that the cash would have.

Mr. Wilson said he would try to give the Council what they want.

Councilman Beasley moved to accept Condition 1(b) of Paragraph III which provided for the Montgomery Sump, the Henrietta Sump, and \$7647 cash.

Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn, and carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Blount, Bradford, Drale, Jahn. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Isen. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor Isen moved that in the event Mr. Wilson could not deliver title to the Bishop Montgomery sump, the City accept the \$38,595 park fee.

Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead, and failed by the following

roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Blount, Bradford, Drale, Jahn. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Jahn moved that if Mr. Wilson does all in his power to do to deliver the Bishop Montgomery Sump and cannot, but can deliver the Ocean Avenue Sump, that it be accepted in lieu of the Bishop Montgomery Sump as specified by the motion.

Motion seconded by Councilman Bradford, and carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMAN: Beasley, Blount, Bradford, Drale, Jahn. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Isen. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Benstead called for the next order of business.

Mayor Isen asked what would happen if he could not deliver either of those sumps.

Mr. Wilson said in that case, he would pay the fee.

Mayor Isen asked when the \$7,647 would be delivered, and Mr. Wilson said within the next few days.

2. With a letter dated January 15, 1959, the City Attorney submitted written recommendation that in the matter of the Wagner Realty Co. vs. the City, the City accept their offer to settle the case of \$3,543.51, one-half the amount they would receive if their case should be successful. He recommended also that the Council authorize him to settle on this basis.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Attorney.

Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley.

In reply to a question, the City Attorney reported that this was the result of long negotiations.

Motion carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Blount, Drale, Jahn, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEN: Bradford. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

The City Attorney told the Council that the records his letter made reference to were those records maintained before Mr. McVicar was Superintendent of our Water Department, and that no reflection is intended on Mr. McVicar in any way.

Councilman Drale asked if there are any other cases of this nature pending, and Mr. McVicar said there is one which might have to be settled and that others have been charged off or are being paid.

RESOLUTIONS:

1. City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3620

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND COTTON & FRANCISCO, PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS, FOR AUDITING SERVICES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1958-1959.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 3620.

Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn, and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

2. The City Attorney told the Council that he would like to amend the Master Specialties Co. lease, Section 13d, Page 4, by adding a provision as follows:

"Provided, that the assignment of this lease by the above partnership to a corporation, all of the issued and outstanding capital stock of which is owned by the partnership named above, shall not be deemed to be an assignment prohibited hereby."

Mayor Isen directed that the City Attorney's amendment be spread in the Minutes in full. 147

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3621

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN AIRPORT HANGAR LEASE BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND MASTER SPECIALTIES COMPANY.

Councilman Jahn moved to adopt Resolution No. 3621 with the amendment outlined by the City Attorney.

Motion seconded by Mayor Isen, and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

ORDINANCES:

1. With a letter dated August 27, 1958, which was resubmitted, the City Attorney handed the City Council the proposed Ordinance on Rules of Order for the City Council.

Councilman Jahn had a number of suggestions to make, as follows: On Page 2, Section 2.101, Section (a), that a time limit be set on how long matters submitted for the Council agenda may be held. He suggested a 30 day limit, and it was agreed to discuss this.

On Page 4, under Section 2.111, Councilman Jahn felt there was a possible conflict, he believed this should read "Where a motion is made and seconded, unless a vote is not required by law, etc.", with the word 'unless' being inserted instead of 'and a'.

On Page 5, under Section 2.113, he suggested that the section reading "and no member shall be allowed to change his vote after the vote is announced by the Mayor" be dropped entirely.

Mayor Isen thought this should be that no vote could be changed until after the result has been announced.

Councilman Drale agreed that this should be eliminated, as did Councilman Beasley.

On Page 6, Councilman Jahn said that under Section 2.123, allowing for debate on motions to table, he would prefer that we concur with Robert's Rules of Order.

On Page 8, under Section 2.131, he felt that if the rules are suspended questions on this should be answered.

Councilman Beasley and Mayor Isen pointed out that any Councilman could always ask for personal privilege or points of information.

On Page 11, Line 2, under Section 2.150, saying that two members have the right to appeal a decision, Councilman Jahn thought this should be that one member should have the right of appeal.

Councilman Blount and Mayor Isen agreed.

Councilman Beasley suggested the following change in this proposed Ordinance:

On Page 3, under Section 2.105, providing for a Mayor pro tem, he thought this should be on a yearly basis.

Councilman Benstead did not agree.

Councilman Jahn said in the absence of the Mayor and a tied vote it could be impossible for the Council to make such a choice.

After a discussion, Mayor Isen suggested this go back to the City Attorney to see if something consistent with the Charter provision on this could be brought about.

Councilman Blount had the following suggestions to make:

On Page 4, Section 2.112, in its entirety, be stricken from the Ordinance. He explained that he felt the right to abstain was inherent and need not be explained.

The City Attorney said he had investigated this at length, and had found that silence is considered an affirmative vote.

Councilman Blount said to abstain is not to vote affirmatively. Mayor Isen said the law would bear out that when the Minutes show silence, it is considered as an affirmative vote. Councilman Blount moved that the rules include that any Councilman will be allowed to abstain from voting. Councilman Beasley thought this was getting too far afield. Mayor Isen felt the people had a right to know how the Councilmen felt on any issue unless (1) the Councilman does not understand an issue, or (2) the law prohibited his voting because of a personal involvement.

Councilman Blount did not agree.

On Page 7, Councilman Blount asked the City Attorney what is considered to be a 2/3rds vote with 7 Councilmen.

The City Attorney agreed this should be changed, and this matter was discussed at great length, with the Council feeling that 4 was a simple majority but perhaps 5 should be considered instead of 2/3rds, for urgency matters.

On Page 7, Item (b) Line 5, 5/7ths should be corrected to 'majority', and this correction should be made throughout the Ordinance.

This was discussed, and it was agreed that 5/7ths shall be the same as a 2/3rds majority.

Pages 9 and 10, Section 2.141, Councilman Blount moved that the second line from the bottom of (a) be stricken.

Councilman Jahn felt there should be a time limit set, unless it is set by the Council. He seconded Councilman Blount motion.

Councilman Blount said if that time is set by the Council rather than the Mayor, he would withdraw his motion.

Mayor Isen suggested that the City Attorney underline the changes made in this, so the Council will be able to check them.

Councilman Jahn referred to Section 2.105, Page 3, and said this should be the subject of a complete report.

Councilman Benstead suggested Robert's Rules prevail in this matter.

Mayor Isen suggested the following:

On Page 3, Section 2.104, he suggested the last sentence be stricken, saying he saw no need for this.

Councilman Bradford thought it might be well to retain that.

Mayor Isen thought there should be a rule about abstinence from voting except for special reasons.

Mayor Isen suggested that:

The 'usual motion' should be included in and covered by these rules, referring to the motion to abstain from reading Resolutions or Ordinances after the title is read and the number assigned unless there is a special request.

At 8:25 P. M., Mayor Isen declared a recess, with the Council re-convening at 8:30 P. M.

2. Resubmitted was a letter of January 8, 1959, from the City Attorney, handing the Council a proposed Ordinance amending Section 8.26 concerning soliciting or receiving political contributions.

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 1056

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 8.26 TO PROHIBIT THE
SOLICITATION OR RECEIPT OF POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS
FROM CITY EMPLOYEES AND PERSONS ON THE ELIGIBLE LISTS.

Mayor Isen said he had suggested the preparation of this Ordinance.

Councilman Beasley moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 1056 at its first reading.

Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn, and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

3. City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 1057

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 2.10 AND 2.15 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" TO PROVIDE THAT THE PLANNING COMMISSION SHALL CONSIST OF SEVEN MEMBERS APPOINTED FOR A TERM OF FOUR YEARS AND THAT THE CHAIRMAN OF SAID COMMISSION SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE MEMBERS THEREOF; AND REPEALING SECTION 2.18 OF SAID CODE PROVIDING FOR COMPENSATION IN LIEU OF TRAVELING EXPENSES.

Councilman Jahn moved for approval of Ordinance No. 1057 at its first reading.

Motion seconded by Councilman Bradford, and carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Bradford, Jahn, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Drale. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

4. City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 1058

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ESTABLISHING CERTAIN TRAFFIC CONTROL MEASURES PURSUANT TO ARTICLE IV, SECTION 17.35 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954".

Councilman Jahn moved to approve Ordinance No. 1058 at its first reading.

Motion seconded by Councilman Bradford, and carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Bradford, Drale, Jahn, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Blount. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

5. City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 1059

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ESTABLISHING CERTAIN TRAFFIC CONTROL MEASURES PURSUANT TO ARTICLE IV, SECTION 17.35 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954".

Councilman Bradford moved for approval of Ordinance No. 1059 at its first reading.

Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn, and carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Bradford, Drale, Jahn, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Blount. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

1. The City Manager informed the Council that he had been told today that the County has approved extension of our library contract with them to June, 1960.

2. The City Manager recommended that he be authorized to arrange for a Special Census in March, 1959.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur with this recommendation.

Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley.

Councilman Blount thought that under the State law this was not necessary.

The City Manager said the various methods of computation have never shown our population to be as large as a Federal Census has.

Councilman Blount asked to hold this for a week.

There were no objections, and it was so ordered, with Mayor Isen requesting the City Manager to make a written recommendation on the Census, giving his reasons for it.

Councilman Blount asked that this include the costs of such a Census.

3. Councilman Blount said he has been receiving complaints about the Dushak operation again, and Councilman Benstead suggested he be brought in here again.

4. Councilman Bradford asked the City Manager if he was prepared to make a report on the new Director of Public Works, and the City Manager said he had hoped to do so but was unable to this evening.

5. Councilman Bradford asked if we have advertised the opening for a City Engineer, and the City Manager said we are now advertising.

6. Councilman Bradford asked if we have any control over door to door salespeople, such as the Fuller Brush people, etc.

License Inspector Whitacre said we do have, and police that as well as we can. He explained that if citizens who are disturbed by these people will call, we will make every effort to control this type of selling. He said that publicity has helped to make our population aware of this in the past.

Councilman Bradford suggested that the newspapers carry something on this.

7. Mayor Isen said he thought the report on rubbish collections was overdue, and asked this be sent to the Council as soon as possible.

8. Mr. V. E. Noble, 16714 Kornblum, said he was ready to have his building on his airport lease put up, and that the Soule' Steel Company was to erect it for him. He did not want to post a bond, as he felt it unnecessary, and he said that the Soule' people did not think this should be required, saying they are a reputable local firm.

The City Attorney explained he had discussed this today with them, and they feel it should not be required from them.

Mayor Isen suggested Mr. Noble post this bond, and it was explained he need not post a cash bond.

Councilman Jahn said at least 70% of all construction is done under a performance bond, and he was not aware of any reason for lifting the stipulation in this instance.

Mayor Isen asked if that performance bond had ever been waived, and the City Attorney said it had not.

Mr. Noble left the Chamber.

9. Councilman Drale moved all bills properly audited be paid. Motion seconded by Councilman Blount, and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 P. M.



A. H. Bartlett, City Clerk of the City of
Torrance, California

APPROVED:


 Mayor of the City of Torrance